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SUBJ: PETITION TO USG FROM RELATIVES OF MISSING PERSONS

1. AFTERNOON JANUARY 13 DELEGATION FROM COMMITTEE OF MISSING AND UNDECLARED PERSONS VISITED EMBASSY TO DELIVER FOLLOWING PETITION TO AMBASSADOR (INFORMAL TRANSLATION):

QUOTE EXCELLENCY: THE GATHERING OF THOUSANDS OF TORMENTED PARENTS OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PRISONERS, WHICH MET TODAY AT METAXAS SQUARE, AFTER DISCUSSING THE QUESTION OF UNDECLARED PRISONERS DECIDED TO SEND THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM TO YOU AND THROUGH YOU TO YOUR GREAT COUNTRY, AND TO ASK THAT YOU ACT ON THE FOLLOWING:

(1) THE GATHERING NOTES THE GOOD SENTIMENTS OF YOUR COUNTRY RE THE TRAGEDY OF OUR COUNTRY AND THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH WERE CREATED BY THE INVASION OF CYPRUS.

(2) WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF YOUR COUNTRY FOR THE STRUGGLE OF THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE.

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(3) BEYOND THAT, A VERY SERIOUS HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM WHICH IS

UNSOLVED AND WAS CREATED BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION WHICH EXISTS --
AND WE ASK THE ENERGETIC AID OF YOUR COUNTRY -- IS THE MATTER OF
THE UNDECLARED PRISONERS.

THE PARENTS, WITH THE BQCUMENTS AND INFORMATION WHICH THEY HAVE
IN THEIR HANDS, BELIEVE THAT HUNDREDS OF PRISONERS ARE IN THE
HANDS OF THE TURKS.

WHAT WE ASK AND REQUEST OF YOU, AS A GREAT COUNTRY, IS TO USE
YOUR INFLUENCE AND YOUR PRESITIGE WITH TURKEY IN ORDER THAT THE
PRISONERS MIGHT BE DECLARED AND SET FREE.

WE BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL ACT AT ONCE BECAUSE THE UNDECLARED
PRISONERS HAVE BEEN HELD FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS BY THE TURKS,
AND IF YOU DO NOT DO SOMETHING SOON THEY WILL BE IN DANGER.

WE HOPE TO HAVE YOUR SUPPORT AND THAT YOU WILL SOON MOVE SO THAT
WE SHALL HAVE RESULTS. UNQUOTE.

2. DELEGATION CONTAINED SEVERAL PERSONS WHOM CONGRESSMEN BRADEMAS
AND SARBANES MET AT HILTON HOTEL JARUARY 9. GROUP LEADER, FATHER
CHRISTOPHOROS, EXPRESSED VIEW THAT USG "IF IT WISHES" CAN PER-
SUADE TURKS IN A MOMENT TO CLEAR UP PROBLEM OF MISSING PERSONS.
OTHERS NODDED VIGOROUS AGREEMENT.

3. EMBOFF THANKED DELEGATION FOR COMING, EXPRESSED SYMPATHY
OF USG FOR THEIR PLIGHT, AND PROMISED TO TRANSMIT PETITION TO
WASHINGTON.

4. DELEGATION HAD EARLIER VISITED MAKARIOS, CLERIDES, AND WAS
MAKING ROUNDS OF MAJOR EMBASSIES (REF TA 0131222Z). GROUP MADE
BRIEF REMARKS TO PRESS AFTER LEAVING U.S. EMBASSY, PETITION TO
MAKARIOS REPORTEDLY DEMANDED THAT GOC WITHHOLD ASSENT FOR
PARAMALI TURKS TO MOVE UNTIL QUESTION OF MISSING GREEKS IN NORTH
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